

1. A LIVING FOSSIL

Actual fossil

Fossils of cockroaches are from the Carboniferous period 354-295 million-years ago. This fossil is of the *Oretanenus Blattulus* Family. The word cockroach comes from the Spanish word "cucaracha" which means "cray bug" or "toothsome bug".

The American Cockroach Society
classifies Cockroaches as follows:

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Insecta

Order: Blattodea

Families: Blaberidae

Blattellidae

Blattidae

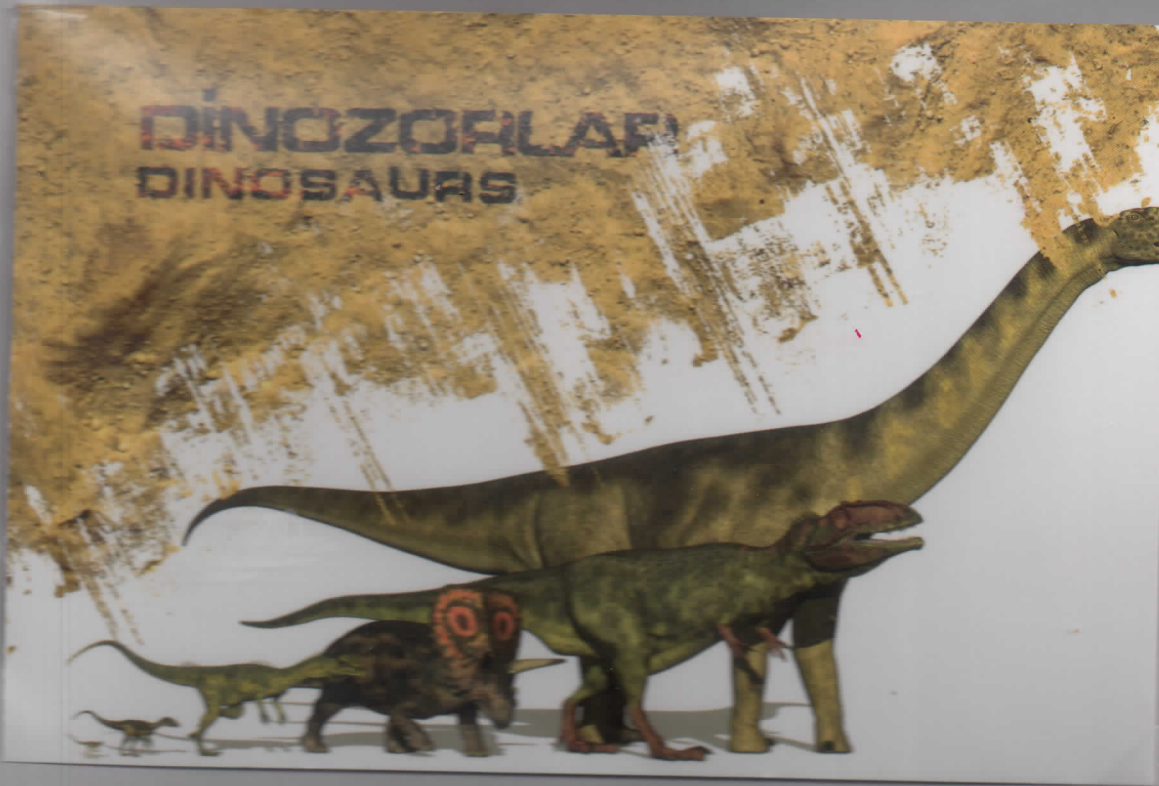
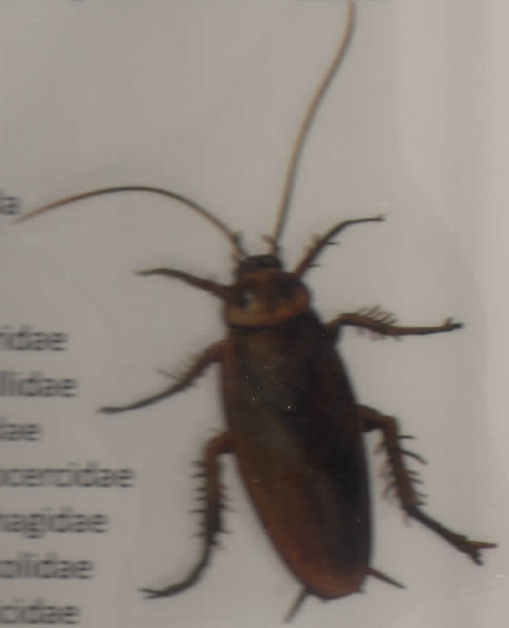
Cryptoceridae

Polyphagidae

Nocticolidae

Tryonicidae

Lamproblattidae



Cockroaches lived
millions of years
before the first
cavemen and
dinosaurs.